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高盛が死んだ。彬はこの機会に一気に鬼門を殲滅しようとする。なんとか鬼門と人間が共存できる方法を見つけたい蒼子は、西家と話し合いを持とうとするが!?

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The Story so Far...

Ever since the day Soko transferred schools, strange things have been happening, and a mystery man has been following her around. That man introduces himself as Akira, the "Byakko of the Family of the West", and says it's his duty to kill Soko, who's "Souryu of the Family of the East".

The Family of the East was originally part of the Kimon. However, they betrayed the Kimon, sided with humans, and hunted Oni. Soko knows that she's the queen of the Kimon, but her and Akira fell in love. She's begun fighting the Kimon with the Family of the West in order to become a normal human being.

However, Takao, who desires the restoration of the Kimon, and Soko's younger sister Hiko are opposing them.

During their fight, the secret was revealed that each of the four Kimon families has a refuge, and that should the head of the Family of the West, South, or North go to their refuge, they will gain their true power. However, if the Family of the East's refuge is blocked off, the Kimon would be ruined.

Soko and Akira discovered the Family of the West's refuge in Nara. Akira gained the power of the "Byakko" there, and though it's a strong weapon against the Oni, it harms Soko at the same time.

The Family of the West finally locates the Family of the East's refuge, and begins the assault.

However, Takao had a trump card, which is that Mt. Fuji will erupt if the Kimon is destroyed. Soko thinks that somehow humans and Oni can coexist... but Akira attacks Takao. And with the the final words, "Soko, the rest is up to you!" Takao died... !?

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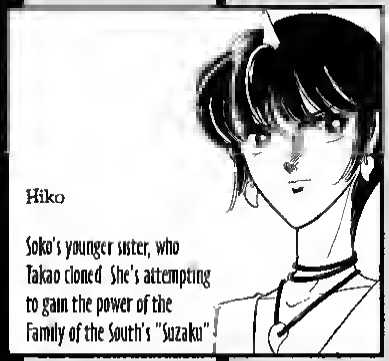
Characters

Takao (Family of the North's "Genbu")

Conspires to use Soko's power to resurrect the Kimon.

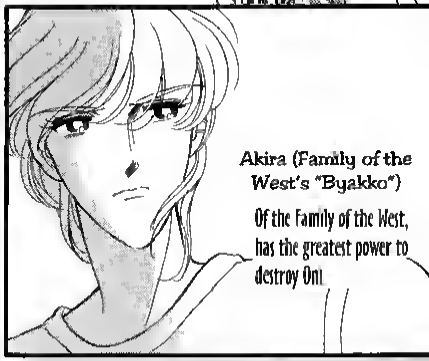
Soko Kiryu (Family of the East's "Souryu")

Chief of the man-eating "Kimon", the rebirth of Rago. She loves Akira and wants to live the life of a normal high school girl.



Hiko

Soko's younger sister, who Takao cloned. She's attempting to gain the power of the Family of the South's "Suzaku".



Akira (Family of the West's "Byakko")

Of the Family of the West, has the greatest power to destroy Oni.

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TAKAO...
IS DEAD...?!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
THE "GENBU" TAKAO HEAD OF THE FAMILY OF THE NORTH...
IT'S TRUE THAT I ALSO THOUGHT THAT I WANTED HIM DEAD, BUT
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT TAKAO IS ACTUALLY DEAD ?!

HUNT DOWN THE ONI! DON'T LET A SINGLE ONE ESCAPE!
NOW THERE'S NO ONE DIRECTING THE KIMON!
AH!
AKIRA!
SOKO DON'T INTERFERE ANY FURTHER! I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU AGAIN!
!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
RUSTLE

THIS WILL BE A MASSACRE
WAIT
IT'S COMPLETELY ONE-SIDED
IT'S A MASSACRE!
STOP

SOKO!
AKIRA, STOP IT! THE KIMON HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE TOO!
STOP IT!!
FIGHT

EVERYONE, DON'T PANIC!
STAY CALM AND HEAD FURTHER INTO THE REFUGE!
BLUE DEMON MASK, CLOSE ALL THE ENTRANCES!
SOKO!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT!
BUT I CAN'T JUST SIT AND WATCH WHILE PEOPLE ARE KILLED IN FRONT OF ME!
A RIGHT TO LIVE?
SOKO, ARE YOU ACTUALLY GOING TO SIDE WITH THE KIMON?!
...I DON'T KNOW

STAY BACK, AKIRA!
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU EITHER!
I TOLD YOU! I WANT TO FIND A WAY FOR US TO COEXIST!
OU!
T
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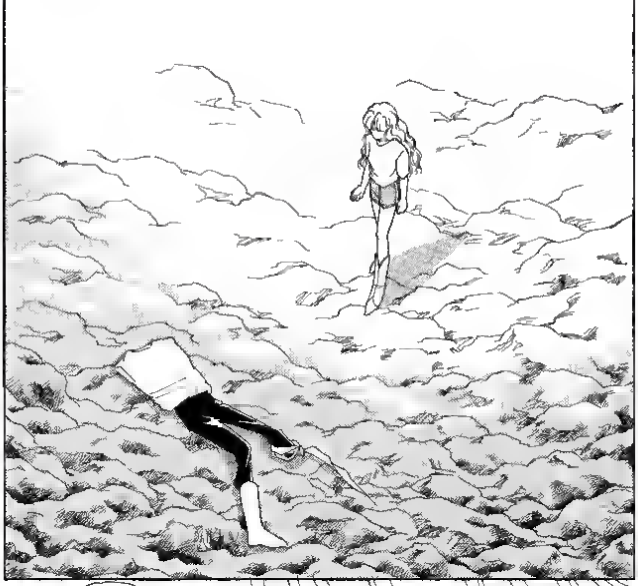
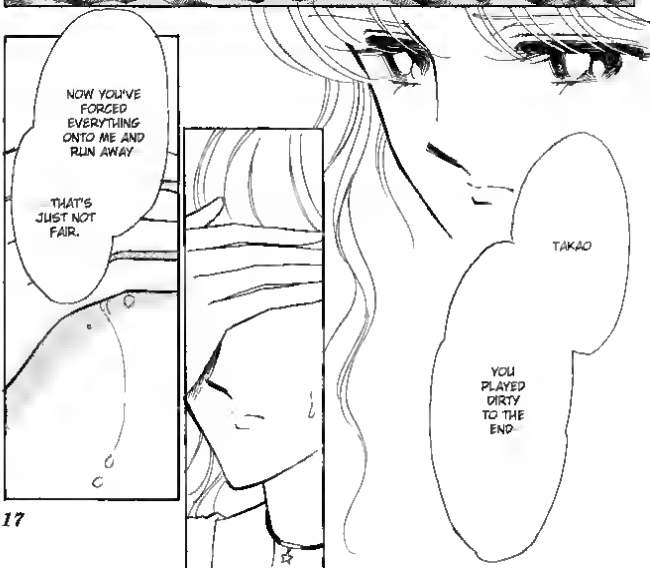
"I'LL ENTRUST THE ENTIRE KIMON TO YOU."
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO FOLLOW TAKAO'S FINAL WORDS
LADY SOKO!
LADY SOKO, I KNEW YOU WERE OUR CHIEF!
FORGET THAT! HOW DEEP DOES THIS REFUGE GO?
THE INJURED AND CHILDREN NEED TO HEAD FURTHER IN...!!
BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO CREATED ALL THESE ONI.
I CAN'T ABANDON THEM AND LIVE HAPPILY WITH AKIRA

I CAN'T CAST ASIDE THE KIMON!!
I REALLY CAN'T ESCAPE MY BLOOD

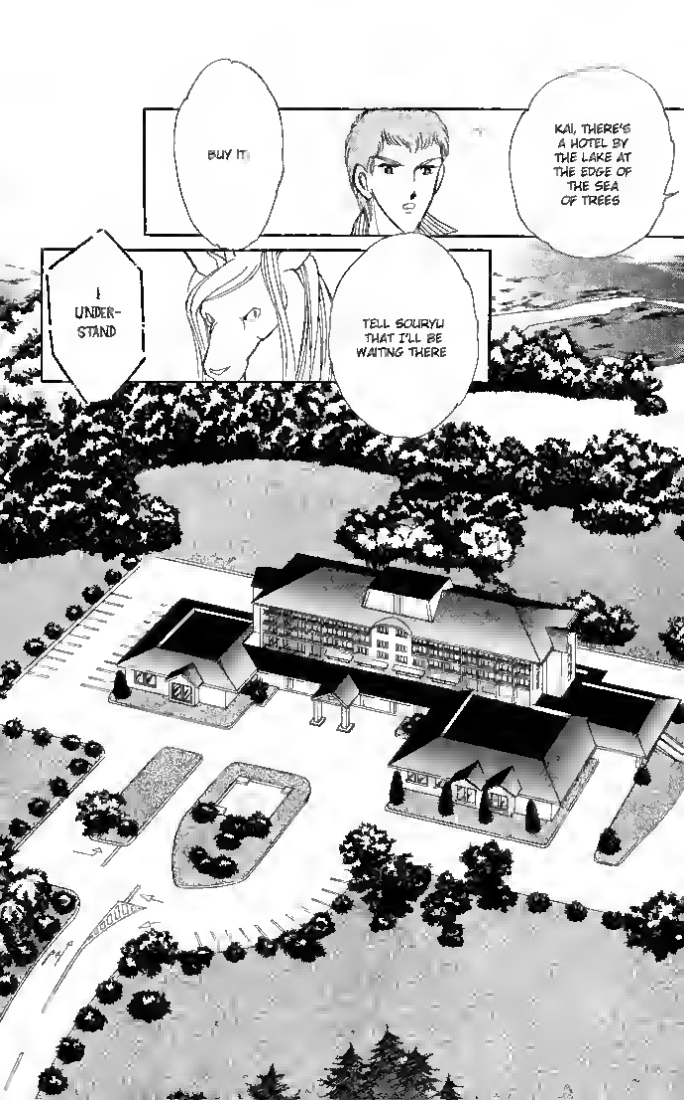
OU,
WILL YOU DELIVER A MESSAGE?
WHAT?
THE SOURYU CHIEF OF THE KIMON AND HEAD OF THE FAMILY OF THE EAST
WISHES FOR A FORMAL MEETING WITH THE BYAKKO, HEAD OF THE FAMILY OF THE WEST
MURMUR
CONSIDER IT DONE.

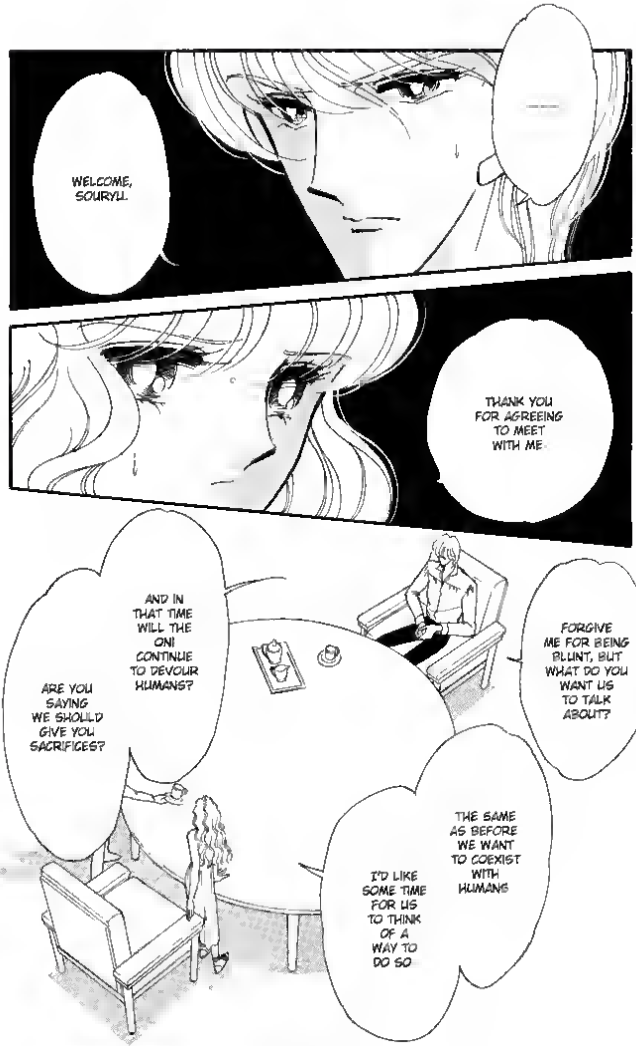



NOW YOU'VE FORCED EVERYTHING ONTO ME AND RUN AWAY
THAT'S JUST NOT FAIR.
TAKAO
YOU PLAYED DIRTY TO THE END

"ASK HIKO, HIKO WILL COME BACK FROM ASO WITH THE ANSWER."
YOU KNEW I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ABANDON THE KIMON, DIDN'T YOU?
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU LOVED ME BEFORE I MET AKIRA?!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT SHE SAYS NOW!
WHY DIDN'T YOU KEEP ME FROM LEAVING THE KIMON IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WHAT'S SHE PULLING NOW?!
AKIRA! THAT DOESN'T MATTER! LET'S START AT ONE END AND HUNT THEM DOWN!
A MEETING ?!
AKIRA!
THAT I AGREE TO MEET.
IT'S FINE. I'LL REPLY.
TELL THE SOURYU


BUY IT!
KAI, THERE'S A HOTEL BY THE LAKE AT THE EDGE OF THE SEA OF TREES
I UNDER-STAND
TELL SOURYU THAT I'LL BE WAITING THERE


WELCOME, SOURYU.
THANK YOU FOR AGREEING TO MEET WITH ME.
FORGIVE ME FOR BEING BLUNT, BUT WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO TALK ABOUT?
THE SAME AS BEFORE WE WANT TO COEXIST WITH HUMANS
I'D LIKE SOME TIME FOR US TO THINK OF A WAY TO DO SO
AND IN THAT TIME WILL THE ONI CONTINUE TO DEVOUR HUMANS?
ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD GIVE YOU SACRIFICES?

I'LL MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE FROM THE KIMON DEVOURS ANY HUMANS
BUT PLEASE!
ALL WE NEED IS FOR YOU TO GIVE US ENERGY A LITTLE AT A TIME JUST UNTIL WE CAN THINK OF A WAY TO COEXIST!
CLATTER
IS THIS A JOKE?!
THIS IS WHY WE HAVE TO DESTROY THE ON!!
IT'S NOT
IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION WITH AKIRA.

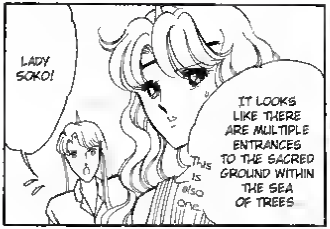
I WANT TO SILENTLY LEAP INTO HIS ARMS
I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE WITH HIM AT ALL...
PLEASE, AKIRA ALLOW US TO EXIST!

ENOUGH OF THIS!
IT WAS DECIDED LONG AGO THAT WE HUNT DOWN ONI!
YES. THAT IS THE DUTY OF THE FAMILY OF THE WEST.
AS THE BYAKKO I'M WELL AWARE THAT I SHOULD HAVE REFUSED THIS MEETING
I SHOULD DESTROY THE KIMON WITHOUT GIVING THEM AN ANSWER
BUT IF IT'S SOKO AND I WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING

AKIRA!
FINE. WE'LL TRY TO THINK OF A WAY FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.
WITH SOKO THE SOURYU AND I, THE BYAKKO
IS THINKING THAT WE CAN CHANGE OUR ANCIENT RELATIONSHIP JUST BEING OVERLY OPTIMISTIC?

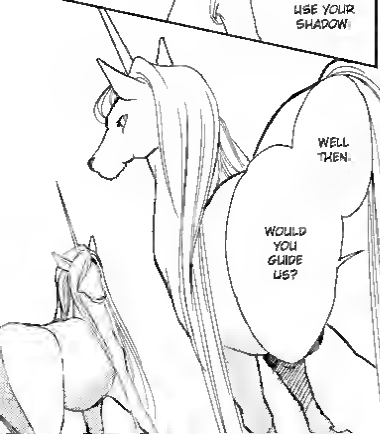
AKIRA, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...
WAIT
THERE'S A CONDITION
A CONDITION —?
MURMUR
YES
OPEN UP THE RECESSES OF THE KIMON SACRED GROUND THE FAMILY OF THE EAST'S REFUGE
AND I'LL ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL

THE INNER AREAS THAT I DON'T EVEN KNOW ALL OF...?
IT'S THE LAST PLACE WE HAVE!
LIKE WE'D DO THAT!
THE SACRED GROUND?!
WE'LL BE PROVIDING YOU WITH ENERGY FOR A SHORT TIME.
I'D LIKE YOU TO SHOW US YOUR GOOD FAITH
I UNDER-STAND AKIRA
I'LL TRUST YOU


LADY SOKO!
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE MULTIPLE ENTRANCES TO THE SACRED GROUND WITHIN THE SEA OF TREES
This is also One.

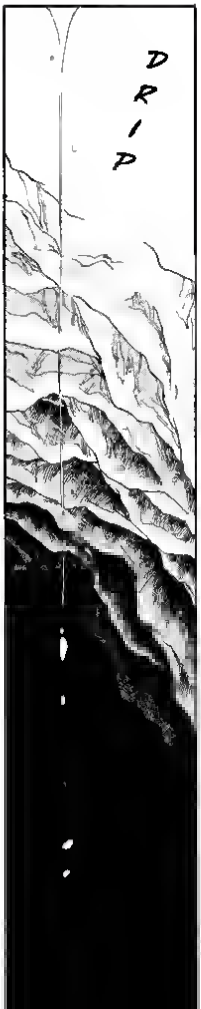
DON'T WORRY I WON'T LET THE KIMON BE DESTROYED!

NO, THEY'RE TRUSTING US I'LL GO IN AS FLESH AND BLOOD
AKIRA, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GO IN LIKE THIS? USE YOUR SHADOW!


WELL THEN.
WOULD YOU GUIDE US?

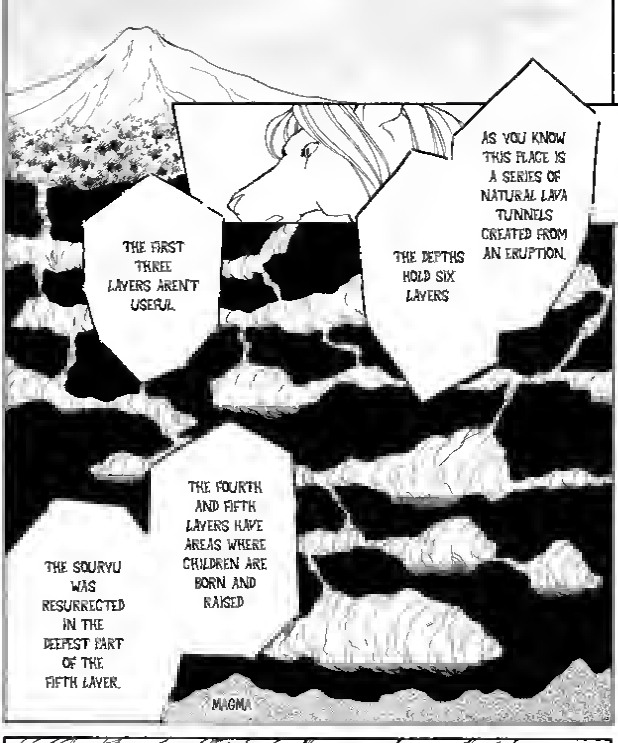
"HUMANS CONTINUE TO GOUGE THE GROUND, MUDDY THE WATERS, AND POLLUTE THE AIR."
WHAT HE TOLD US.
EH?
MAYBE WHAT TAKAO SAID WAS A SOUND ARGUMENT...

I CAN'T DO THAT
BUT IF I ACKNOWLEDGE TAKAO'S POINT OF VIEW, I'D BE SAYING THAT IT'S OKAY FOR ONI TO DEVOUR HUMANS
THE SAIONJI ALSO OWNS BUSINESSES, SO I'M WELL AWARE OF IT.


DRIP

I BELIEVE THAT IF THE HUMANS WERE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO DESTROY THE ECOSYSTEM BEYOND REPAIR,
AND REALIZE WHAT THEY'D DONE...
THE REVIVAL OF THE KIMON WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE HARD STUFF,
I JUST KNOW I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE PEOPLE KILLED
SOURYU YOU WERE REVIVED TOO SOON.
EH?


AS YOU KNOW THIS PLACE IS A SERIES OF NATURAL LAVA TUNNELS CREATED FROM AN ERUPTION.
THE DEPTHS HOLD SIX LAYERS
THE FIRST THREE LAYERS AREN'T USEFUL.
THE FOURTH AND FIFTH LAYERS HAVE AREAS WHERE CHILDREN ARE BORN AND RAISED
THE SOURYU WAS RESURRECTED IN THE DEEPEST PART OF THE FIFTH LAYER.
MAGMA

YOU MEAN THE VOLCANIC HEAT GETS STRONGER THE DEEPER WE GO?
...WHICH MEANS IF WE SHUT THIS PLACE DOWN, FUJI WILL ERUPT? THAT'S NO GOOD

OH— SO IT'S THE SAME AS THE REST.
THE SIXTH LAYER IS THE PLACE OF "HEALING".
OH?
WHAT ABOUT THE SIXTH LAYER? I HAVEN'T BEEN THERE. IS THERE ANYTHING THERE?
NO.
THIS PLACE HAS SPECIAL POWER.
THIS IS THE SIXTH LAYER.

WHOA...
IT'S HUGE!
AH! THERE'S SOMEONE HERE!?
OH— THIS GUY WAS HURT EARLIER

EXACTLY.
WHILE HE REMAINS IN THIS PLACE, HE CAN LIVE FOR TENS AND HUNDREDS OF YEARS IN THIS STATE.
HE'S... DEAD?!
NO, WAIT... HE JUST LOOKS DEAD...
IMPOSSIBLE...
HUNDREDS OF YEARS...?

I AM NOT DYING
YOU CAN SEE THAT MAN HEALING HIS WOUNDS IN THE WATER HERE, CAN'T YOU?
DURING THE ANCIENT FALL OF THE KIMON,
THE VOLCANO DIDN'T SUDDENLY ERUPT. THE KIMON HAD TIME TO ESCAPE AND TAKE REFUGE HERE, AND THUS WERE NEVER DESTROYED
THAT'S THE STORY THAT WAS PASSED DOWN TO ME.
!!
YOU'RE SHOWING THE BYAKKO AROUND THE SACRED GROUND?
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.
SHOCK!

HIKO?!
I'M SORRY, LADY SOKO. WE TRIED TO STOP HER, BUT
HONESTLY, THIS IS WHY I CAN'T LEAVE IT TO YOU, SIS
WHEN DID YOU GET BACK FROM ASO?!
HIKO!

EH?

SPLASH

I CAN BECOME SOURYU WITHOUT KILLING YOU
DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU.

JUST NOW
AND THIS TIME I'LL BECOME SOURYU

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
THE FIRST CHILD INHERITS THE HEAD'S POWER.
SO LONG AS THE SOURYU IS ALIVE, NONE OF THE LATER CHILDREN CAN HAVE HER POWER.
OF COURSE I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN.
TO SUM IT UP, THE FIRST BORN CAN INHERIT THE ELDER SOURYU'S POWER EVEN IF THAT PERSON IS ALIVE AND WELL.
WHAT IS HIKO TRYING TO SAY?
HEHE

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW
WHAT I LEARNED IN ASO?
THE FINAL QUEEN OF THE KIMON, RAGO IN OTHER WORDS, YOU...
DIDN'T HAVE A LITTLE SISTER
EH?!

KEITO WAS ACTUALLY AN ONLY DAUGHTER.
IN OTHER WORDS, I'M NOT YOUR LITTLE SISTER.
I'M ACTUALLY THE FIRST BORN

SO I'LL BE TAKING THE TITLE OF SOURYU NOW, SIS
NO... MOTHER.
MOTHER?!
HIKO IS, MY DAUGHTER?!

HIKO IS MY DAUGHTER?!
IT CAN'T BE... I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!!
LOOK AT US...
WE'RE CLOSE TO THE SAME AGE!

LISTEN TO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING DID YOU FORGET?
WE'RE CLONES
NO MATTER OUR TRUE AGE, YOU COULD RESURRECT US AT ANY AGE YOU WANTED
YOU'RE SIXTEEN I'M FIFTEEN.
THOSE ARE JUST THE AGES THAT TAKAO DECIDED ON.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR TRUE AGE DIFFERENCE.

IT'S TRUE THAT I ONLY REMEMBER HIKO AS A BABY OR A SMALL CHILD
IS THAT BECAUSE SHE'S MY DAUGHTER INSTEAD OF MY SISTER?

WHAT NOW, AKIRA?
THE ORIGINAL RAGO DOESN'T MATTER. SOKO IS SOKO.
IS THAT THE ANSWER YOU CAME BACK FROM ASO WITH...
THAT TAKAO WANTED TO HIDE?
NOTHING TO SAY WHEN YOU FIND OUT YOUR LOVER HAS A CHILD?
THAT'S RIGHT.
THE RED DEMON MASK TOLD ME

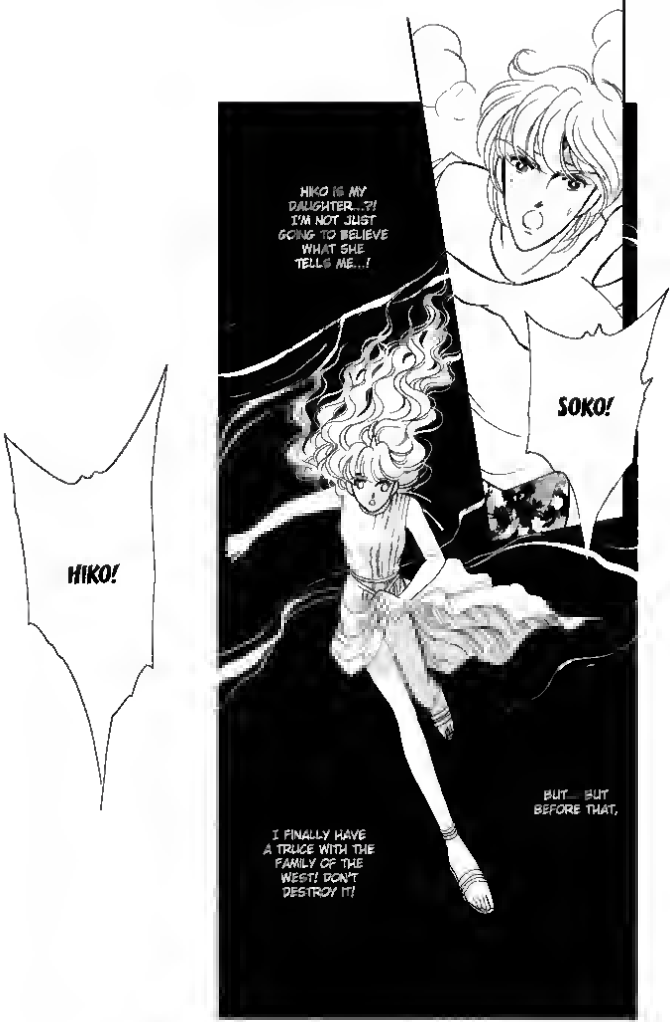
BUT...
WHY WOULD TAKAO HIDE THAT HIKO WAS MY DAUGHTER?
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH TAKAO'S FEELINGS TOWARDS ME?
ANYWAY, NOW I CAN INHERIT THE TITLE OF SOURYU
BLUE DEMON MASK! GRANT ME SOURYU'S POWER!

IF YOU ARE TRULY MEANT TO INHERIT IT THE REFUGE WILL GATHER THE POWER FOR YOU.
GO TO THE HEART OF THE REFUGE!
NO, HIKO!
I CAN'T LET YOU GO!

RUMBLE
WAIT, YOU TWO...!
WOBBLE WOBBLE
SPLSH
RUMBLE
AHH!
RUMBLE
AN EARTH-QUAKE?!

HIKO!
シプしゃぁ
RUMBLE
O... OKAY
IT'S FUJI'S VOLCANIC ACTIVITY AGAIN
THIS IS A BIG ONE! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
SOKO!
CLATTER CLATTER
CLATTER
シプしゃぁ
シプしゃぁ

RUMBLE
AKIRA, HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE!
SOKO!
DON'T GO AFTER HER! IT'S DANGEROUS!
SOKO!
I'LL STOP HIKO!
IF SHE BECOMES SOURYU, THE KILLING WILL START AGAIN!
AH!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER


HIKO IS MY DAUGHTER...?! I'M NOT JUST GOING TO BELIEVE WHAT SHE TELLS ME...!
SOKO!
HIKO!
BUT... BUT BEFORE THAT,
I FINALLY HAVE A TRUCE WITH THE FAMILY OF THE WEST! DON'T DESTROY IT!

GRAB
WAIT, HIKO!
WE'RE TRYING TO COEXIST WITH HUMANS—!
TAKAO'S GONE AND YOU'RE STILL SPOUTING THAT NAIVE CRAP?
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T LEAVE THIS TO YOU!
LADY SOKO!
HIKO!

RUMBLE
AHHH!
THIS ONE...
REALLY IS A BIG ONE...

I UNDERSTAND
A GREAT FEVER IS RISING FROM THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH.
THE FEVER IN THE EARTH IS MOVING.

EVERYONE, HURRY AND ESCAPE!
RUMBLE
THIS
HIKO!
WAIT! DON'T GO!
THE PEOPLE ON THE SOUTH SIDE ESPECIALLY!
THE FEVER IS GATHERING THERE!
ISN'T THE TIME TO FIGHT OVER WHO'S SOURYU!!

HE SAID TO GET BACK TO TOKYO RIGHT AWAY
AKIRA!
THANK GOD! WE JUST GOT WORD FROM OUR UNCLE.
KAI!
MASAKI!
WHAT?!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE SAIONJI'S RESEARCH DIVISION PREDICTED THAT FUJI WILL ERUPT.
IT SOUNDS BAD. MAYUMI'S ON HER WAY
WOMP WOMP
IS EVERYONE OKAY?!

WOMP
WOMP
WOMP
WOMP
WOMP
AKIRA!
THE RESEARCH DIVISION SAYS THERE'S A 90% CHANCE THAT FUJI WILL ERUPT!
THERE'S A 60% PROBABILITY THAT IT'LL HAPPEN WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS!
WE'VE COME TO GET EVERYONE OUT OF HERE!
IT'S GOING TO ERUPT WITHIN 24 HOURS?!

AKIRA, HURRY AND GET IN!
SOKO'S STILL IN THE REFUGE!
SHE'S THE SOURYU! SHE'LL FIGURE A WAY OUT OF IT HERSELF!
BUT...
AKIRA, YOU'RE OUR LEADER! IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO COME WITH US!
CLATTER
YANK
!
OKAY!
YOU CAN TAKE OFF!

RUMBLEEEE
SOKO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! HURRY AND GET OUT OF THERE!
IT'S RUMBLING!!
HEY...!
KKOM
KKOM
KKOM
KKOM
KKOM

WE HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HERE! IT'S DANGEROUS!
CAN'T YOU TELL THAT THE FEVER IN THE EARTH IS RISING?!
HIIKO!
HIIKO, WAIT!
RUMBLE
I KNOW!
I KNOW, I'M HURRYING! DON'T GET IN MY WAY!
FUMP
AH!

FLAP
THE HEART OF THE SACRED GROUND
RIGHT HERE IS WHERE MY SISTER... NO MY MOTHER, WAS REBORN
SPLASH

GRANT ME THE POWER OF THE SOURYU...!
THE POWER

HIKO!
SPLASH
HUFF
GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
WHAT'S THIS?
HIKO, IS THIS YOUR POWER -?

NO, IT ISN'T!!
IT'S GETTING HOTTER!
BLUB
BLUB

I'M SORRY!
THE AIR CURRENT SUDDENLY SHIFTED—!
HEY... WHAT HAPPENED?
WOBBLE
WHAT?!
EH?
IS IT ERUPTING?!
HEY, AKIRA, IS THAT—!?

RUMBLE
BOOOM

BOOO

SOKO
...!!

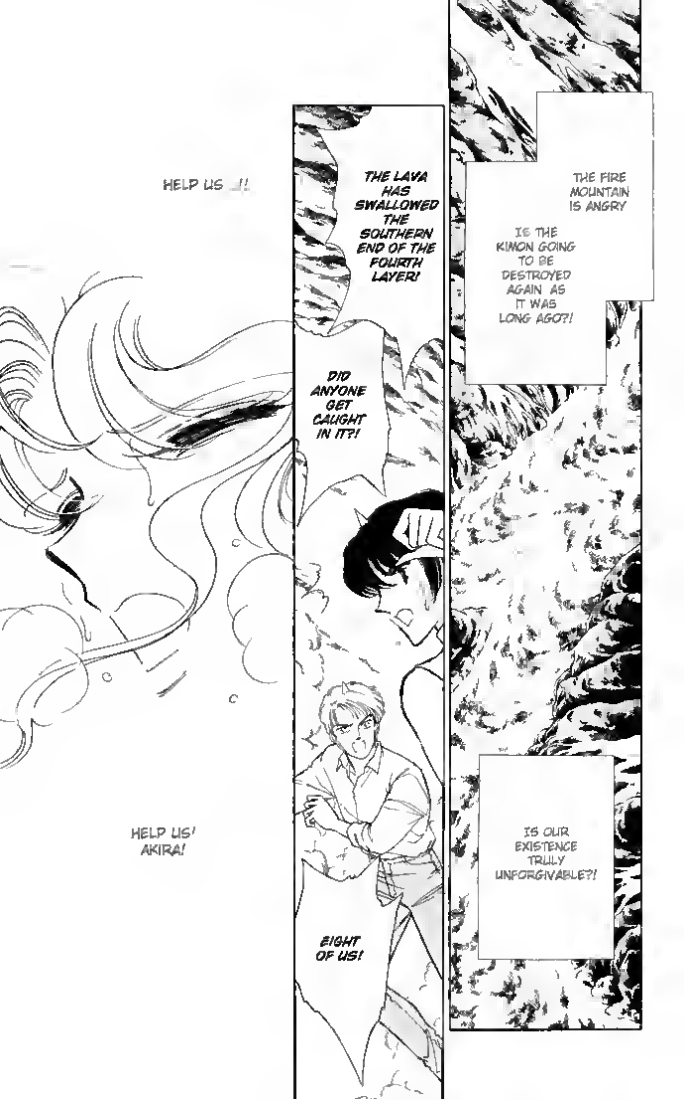
LOOK AT THE LAVA!
IT'S FLOWING INTO THE SEA OF TREES!
SOKO!

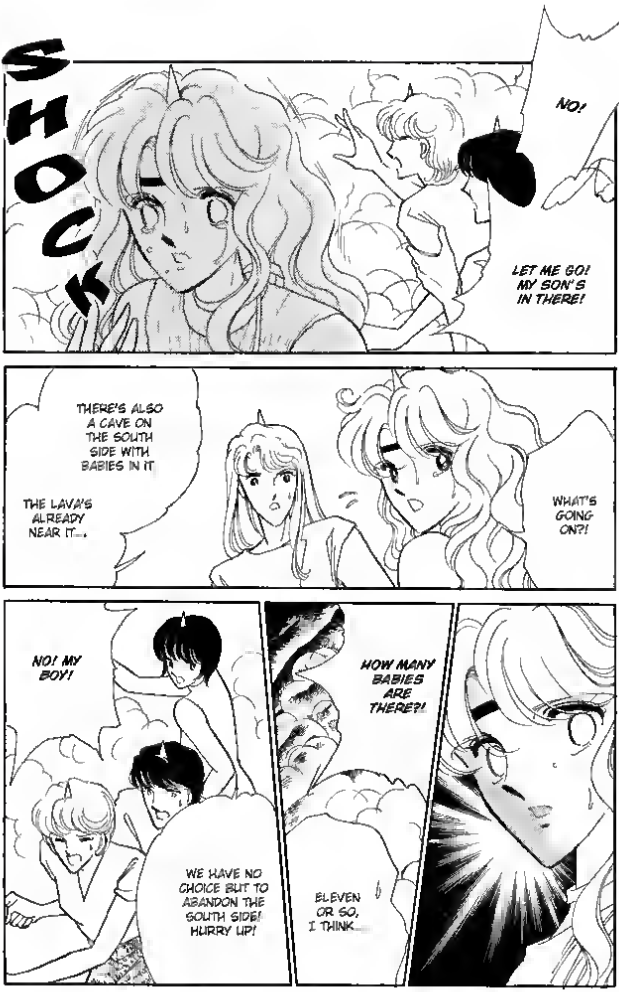
WOMP
WOMP
WOMP
WOMP
AKIRA, STOP! ARE YOU PLANNING ON JUMPING?!
AKIRA!
EVEN IF YOU GO DOWN THERE NOW YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE SOKO IS!
SHE'S IN THE REFUGE!
CALM DOWN!
B.. BUT, SIR!
TAKE THE HELICOPTER DOWN THERE NOW! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE!
FLASH
!!

KA...!
SORRY AKIRA
YES SIR!
HURRY AND GET US AWAY FROM HERE!
KAI!
WE CAN'T EXPOSE THE BYAKKO TO NEEDLESS DANGER!
THE BYAKKO, HE SAID

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!
LET SOKO GET OUT OF THERE SAFELY!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! WHAT KIND OF BYAKKO AM I IF I CAN'T EVEN PROTECT THE WOMAN I LOVE?
WOMP
WOMP
WOMP
WOMP

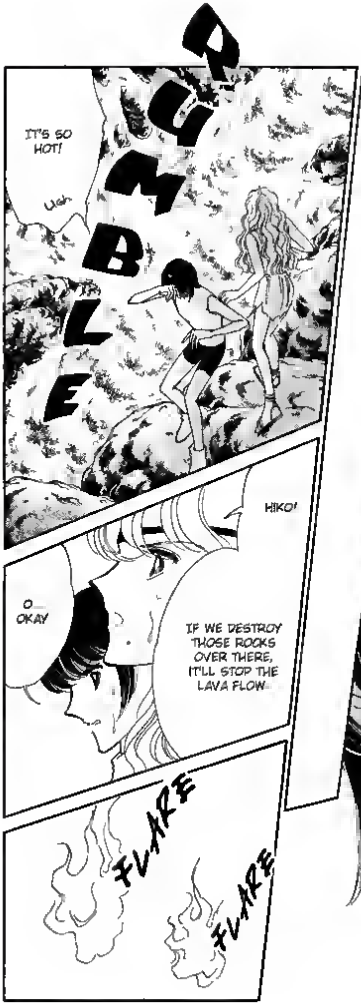
RUMBLE
LAVA'S POURING INTO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE REFUGE!
EVERYONE WHO CAN ESCAPE ABOVE GROUND NEEDS TO!
HURRY! GET A LITTLE FURTHER NORTH!
IT'S HOT!
WE HAVE TO HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE TOO!
IT KEEPS GETTING HOTTER!


HELP US...!!
THE LAVA HAS SWALLOWED THE SOUTHERN END OF THE FOURTH LAYER!
DID ANYONE GET CAUGHT IN IT?!
HELP US! AKIRA!
EIGHT OF US!
THE FIRE MOUNTAIN IS ANGRY
IS THE KIMON GOING TO BE DESTROYED AGAIN AS IT WAS LONG AGO?!
IS OUR EXISTENCE TRULY UNFORGIVABLE?!


SHOCK
NO!
LET ME GO! MY SON'S IN THERE!
THERE'S ALSO A CAVE ON THE SOUTH SIDE WITH BABIES IN IT
THE LAVA'S ALREADY NEAR IT....
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
NO! MY BOY!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ABANDON THE SOUTH SIDE! HURRY UP!
HOW MANY BABIES ARE THERE?!
ELEVEN OR SO, I THINK....

AHHH!
I CAN'T CRY.
MY GIRL'S IN THERE!
THERE'S LAVA IN THE THIRD LAYER!
FOUR OF US WERE SWAL-LOWED UP!
I... DECIDED I'D PROTECT THE KIMON, DIDN'T I?
SOLT
THE BABIES WILL DIE IF WE TAKE THEM FROM THE WATER, RIGHT?
NO NOT IF IT'S JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT
SIS — NO, WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, MOTHER?

LADY SOKO!
USE THAT TIME TO TRANSFER THE BABIES TO A SAFE PLACE.
THEN HIKO AND I WILL HOLD BACK THE LAVA.
MOTHER, THAT'S TOO MUCH!
IF BOTH OF US, IF SOURYU DIES, THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO LEAD THE KIMON!
WHY DID YOU WANT TO BECOME SOURYU?
THE CHIEF DOESN'T JUST CONTROL EVERYONE WE PROTECT THEM AS WELL
LET'S GO TOGETHER,
HIKO!

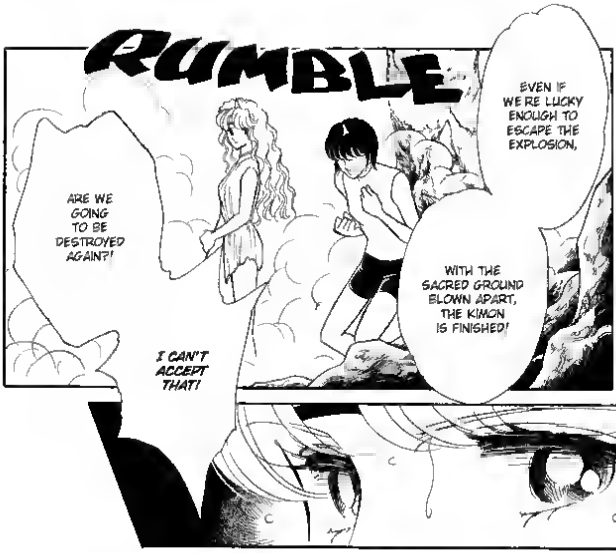

RUMBLE
IT'S SO HOT!
Uuh...
HIKO!
O... OKAY
IF WE DESTROY THOSE ROCKS OVER THERE, IT'LL STOP THE LAVA FLOW.
FLARE
FLARE

CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK

THE LAVA FLOW HAS SHIFTED!
HUFF
HUFF
HURRY AND TRANSFER THE BABIES!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER

PLEASE GET AWAY FROM HERE, LADY SOKO, LADY HIKO.
LADY SOKO,
WE'VE MOVED THE CHILDREN
YEAH
HUFF
BUT I'M RIGHT!
YOU KNOW IT AS WELL!
HIKO.
IT'S WHAT HAPPENS NEXT THAT'S THE PROBLEM!
BUT WE'VE ONLY TURNED THE LAVA FLOW. WHAT NOW?!
HUFF
HUFF

THAT GREAT FEVER IS STILL MOVING BELOW US
YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT!
THE FIRE THAT WILL BLOW THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF JAPAN IS STILL THERE


RUMBLE
EVEN IF WE'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO ESCAPE THE EXPLOSION,
WITH THE SACRED GROUND BLOWN APART, THE KIMON IS FINISHED!
ARE WE GOING TO BE DESTROYED AGAIN?!
I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT!

"——"

HIKO IS SOKO'S DAUGHTER?!
YOU MEAN THERE ARE TWO SOURYU RIGHT NOW?!
IT LOOKS LIKE IT.

The girl you love has it, kid.
LOOKS LIKE IT—?
YOU'RE TAKING THIS PRETTY CALMLY.
HM? UNCLE, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY THERE ARE, RIGHT?
THEY'RE ALL GOING TO BE TOGETHER WHEN IT ERUPTS.
BABOOM!!
KA!
THAT'S ENOUGH! ONE SOURYU IS BAD ENOUGH!
THE ERUPTION TODAY PROBABLY WASN'T ANYTHING MORE THAN THE OPENING SHOT.
THE REAL ENERGY IS STILL THERE
GLUB GLUB
AKIRA?
I WISH IT WERE THAT SIMPLE.
TNUT

WHAT?!
TAKAO TOLD ME...
THAT THE ENERGY GATHERED UNDER FUJI WOULD HAVE AN EFFECT AS FAR AS KANTO AND TOKAI
AND YOU BELIEVE HIM?!
I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT THE KIMON'S ABILITY TO PERCEIVE THE POWER OF NATURE IS A FACT.
I BELIEVE HIM.

I'LL HAVE THE RESEARCH DIVISION CONFIRM THAT...
THEN WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO RELAXED?!
AKIRA?!
THERE'S NO NEED TO CONFIRM IT.
CLATTER
SLAM
UNCLE, WAIT!

YOU SHOULD'VE HEALED UP THAT PUNCH ALREADY!
WE HAVE TO GET TO TOKYO AND TAKE COUNTER-MEASURES
FINE! I'LL GO GET THE CHOPPER PREPARED...
WE CAN STOP IT FROM ERUPTING
WHAT...?!

I SAID WE CAN STOP IT FROM ERUPTING...
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY...?
BY HAVING THE HUMANS AND THE KIMON...
COEXIST, LIKE SOKO WANTED.
ARE YOU SERIOUS, AKIRA?!

YEAH.
I REALIZED HOW WHEN THE DEMON MASK LED ME THROUGH THE SACRED GROUND
—WE CAN REALLY DO IT
CHINK
THEN I'LL GO TELL OUR UNCLE—
NO WAIT.
DOES SOKO KNOW?
SHE DOESN'T KNOW?
AKIRA?!
—SHE PROBABLY REALIZED THE SAME THING AS ME BUT, KAI GO AHEAD AND LAUGH IF YOU WANT.
—I DON'T WANT HER TO REALIZE IT.

SLASH
WE REALLY CAN—
STOP FUJI FROM ERUPTING, AND END THE KILLING BETWEEN HUMANS AND THE KIMON
BUT IF THAT HAPPENS—
AKIRA?!

IF THAT HAPPENS,
SOKO AND I WILL LOSE EACH OTHER FOREVER.
!!

RUMBLE
THERE'S A WAY...
TO STOP FUJI FROM ERUPTING AND SAVE THE HUMANS AND THE KIMON
MOTHER, ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
YEAH

THE DEMON MASK SAID IT.
THE SIXTH LAYER OF THE SACRED GROUND ALLOWS US TO LIVE FOR TENS OF HUNDREDS OF YEARS IN A SUSPENDED STATE
SO THE KIMON WILL SLEEP THERE.
IMPOS-SIBLE! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
THE POWER OF THE SACRED GROUND USES FUJI'S ENERGY.
SO IF 30,000 KIMON SLEEP HERE IT'LL CONSUME A WHOLE LOT OF ENERGY.
WE WILL STOP IT FROM ERUPTING.
WE CAN PROTECT THE SACRED GROUND

SLEEP IN THE SACRED GROUND
FOR HOW LONG?
AS THE DEMON MASK SAID, THE HUMANS WILL CONTINUE TO DESTROY THE ECOSYSTEM UNTIL NOTHING CAN BE DONE
AND THEN THEY MIGHT SEE THE VALUE OF OUR EXISTENCE
MOTHER, ARE YOU PLANNING ON SLEEPING WITH US?
THAT'S RIGHT
BUT HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF YEARS WILL THAT BE?!
IT MIGHT EVEN BE ANOTHER MILLENNIUM!

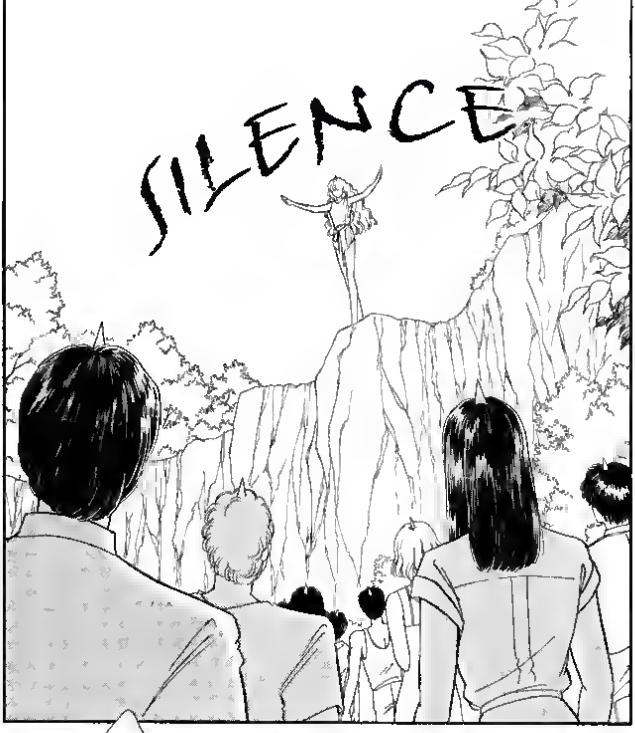
...YES.
BE IT HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS OF YEARS—
I'LL GO WITH ALL OF YOU.
RUMBLE

AND TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH THE HUMANS, THE KIMON WILL SLEEP INTO THE DISTANT FUTURE...
TO PROTECT THE SACRED GROUND, TO PREVENT FUJI FROM ERUPTING...
THE KIMON WILL SLEEP.

QUIT JOKING AROUND! WE WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TO BE RESURRECTED AND RESTORE THE KIMON!
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO SLEEP!
THEN WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
IF FUJI ERUPTS THE SACRED GROUND WILL BE BLOCKED OFF.
DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT THE HUMANS TO THE VERY LAST, KNOWING YOUR FATE IS SEALED?
FIRST OF ALL—
WHAT ABOUT GETTING THE ONI TO CONSENT TO SUCH A LONG SLEEP?
—THEN
GATHER EVERYONE ON THE NORTHERN PLATEAU

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
JUST WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!
WE SHOULD RUN WHILE FUJI'S STILL CALM!
WE CAN'T RUN!
WITHOUT THE SACRED GROUND THE KIMON WILL DIE OUT!
LADY HIKO, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!
QUIET DOWN!
EVERYONE, QUIET DOWN!

LADY SOKO, PLEASE DO SOMETHING!
LADY SOKO!
LADY SOKO!
RAISE


SILENCE

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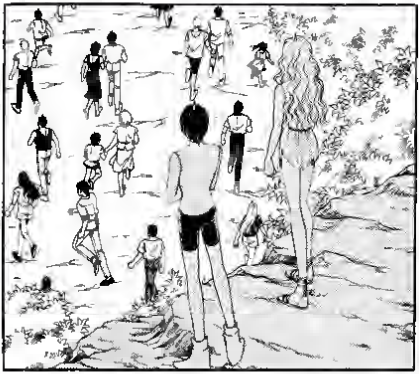
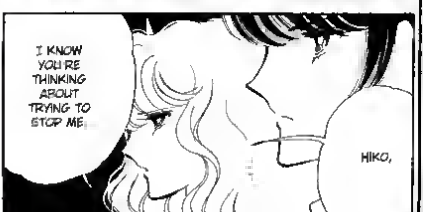
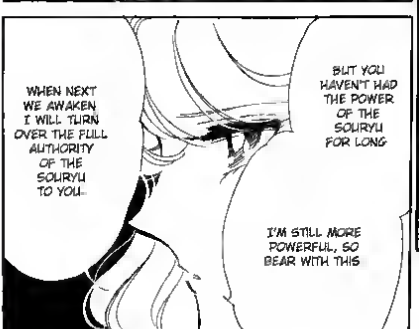
AS EVERYONE IS AWARE, WE ALL HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE NOW.
FOR THE SAKE OF THE KIMON I HAVE DECIDED TO SLEEP BELOW.
WILL YOU COME WITH ME?
I WON'T KNOW WHEN I WILL NEXT WAKE,
BUT I BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST WAY.
SLEEP BELOW?!

RUSTLE
THANK YOU.
IF IT IS YOUR WILL, LADY SOKO
AS YOU ASK
WE WILL STAY WITH YOU

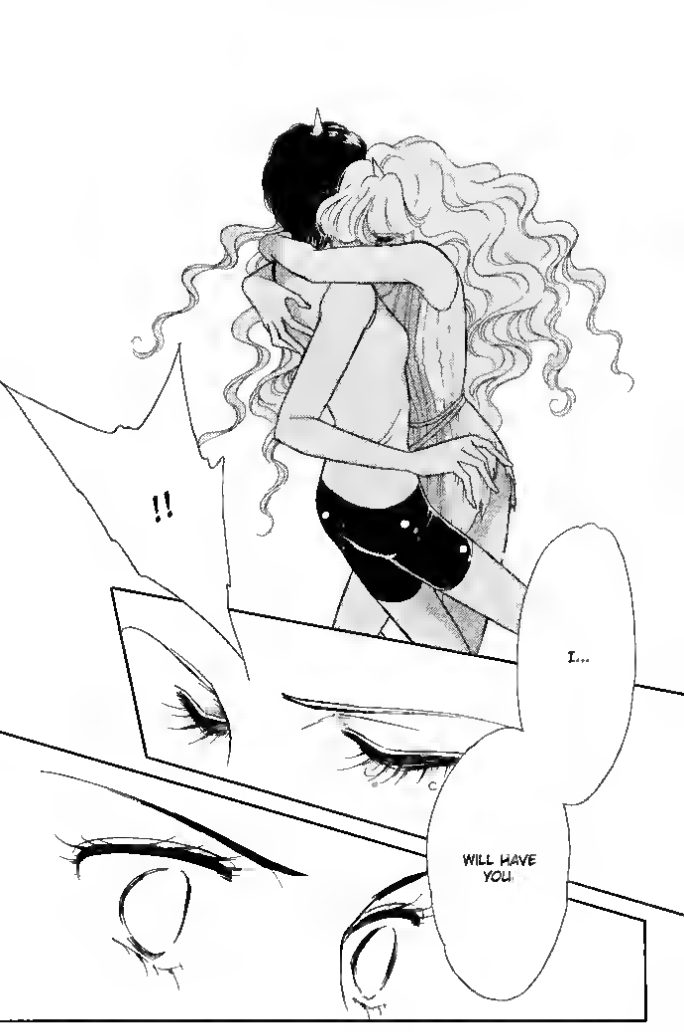



I KNOW YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT TRYING TO STOP ME
HIKO,


WHEN NEXT WE AWAKEN I WILL TURN OVER THE FULL AUTHORITY OF THE SOURYU TO YOU.
BUT YOU HAVEN'T HAD THE POWER OF THE SOURYU FOR LONG
I'M STILL MORE POWERFUL, SO BEAR WITH THIS

THEN WE HAVE TO PREPARE BEFORE FUJI TRULY ERUPTS!
WE MUST QUICKLY GATHER OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN!

THEN YOU'VE REALLY MADE UP YOUR MIND TO BE SEPARATED FROM AKIRA FOR ALL TIME?
OF COURSE
ARE YOU REALLY PLANNING TO SLEEP WITH US?
?!


!!
I...
WILL HAVE YOU.

I'M SO SORRY FOR FORGETTING ABOUT YOU, MY ONLY DAUGHTER.
BUT I DID REMEMBER YOU, DEEP INSIDE OF ME.
I LOVE YOU

WHAT?!
WE'RE GOING TO BLOCK OFF THE SACRED GROUND WHILE THE ONI STILL LIVE?
SEALING IT OFF WILL BE SUFFICIENT.
BUT IF WE LET THEM SLEEP, WON'T THE KIMON COME BACK ONE DAY?!

THE GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE SHOULD HAVE VERIFIED AN IMPENDING ERUPTION, UNCLE
AND THEY SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PREDICTED DAMAGE
IN ORDER TO PREVENT THAT, WE ALSO HAVE TO TAKE A RISK OF THE SAME MAGNITUDE
...BUT AKIRA!
CLATTER
IF WE WANT TO KEEP THEM FROM BEING RESURRECTED, THIS WORKS...
THEY SAID THAT THEY'D BE REVIVED RIGHT BEFORE HUMANS COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE ECOSYSTEM.
IN THAT CASE, WE JUST NEED TO NOT DESTROY IT.

IF IT MEANS THE ONI WILL QUIETLY GO TO SLEEP, I APPROVE OF IT
THAT'S WHAT I'VE DECIDED AS THE BYAKKO!
I WILL NOT LET YOU DEFY ME IN THIS!

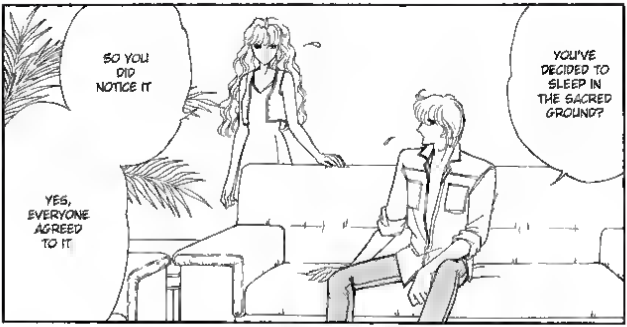
AS OF NOW, THE FAMILY OF THE WEST WILL USE ALL OUR RESOURCES TO PROTECT THE ECOSYSTEM
THEN...
WE SHALL FOLLOW THE BYAKKO'S ORDERS

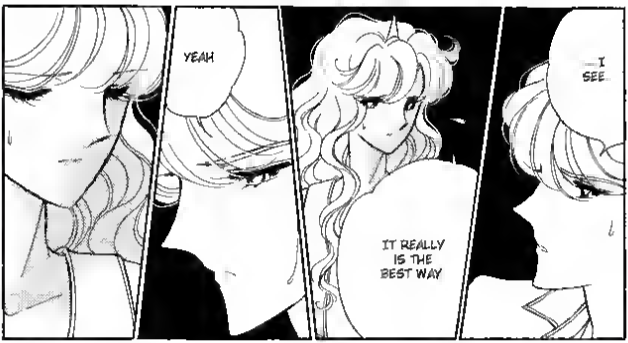
WELL, YOU KNOW... THAT REALLY ISN'T LIKE YOU.
SLAM
EH...
SO IT'S THE WHOLE "THE BYAKKO IS RIGHT" THING?
THAT I'M ACTING SO CALMLY, EVEN THOUGH I KNOW HIKO IS REALLY SOKO'S DAUGHTER.
KAI, YOU SAID IT YOURSELF...
EH?
YOUR EYES ARE CLOSED
THAT'S NOT THE CASE AT ALL!
MY MIND IS AWASH WITH JEALOUSY.

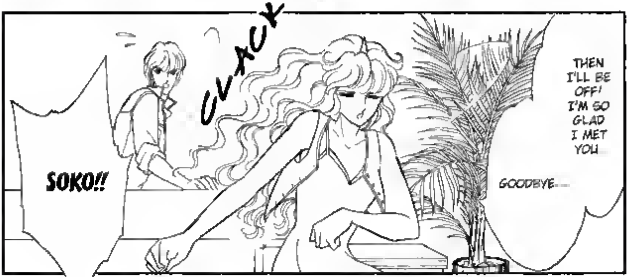
SLIDE
BUT EVEN NOW, I STILL LOVE HER.
AKIRA
IN OTHER WORDS, SOKO— OR RATHER, RAGO HAD A HUSBAND
THAT SHE HAD A CHILD MEANS THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A FATHER.
WHEN I THINK OF THAT, I CAN'T KEEP MY COMPOSURE

I LOVE HER... HUH
CLACK
EVEN IF I LOVE HER, IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.

SOKO.
I CAME TO SAY GOODBYE,
AKIRA


SO YOU DID NOTICE IT
YES, EVERYONE AGREED TO IT
YOU'VE DECIDED TO SLEEP IN THE SACRED GROUND?


YEAH
IT REALLY IS THE BEST WAY
I SEE

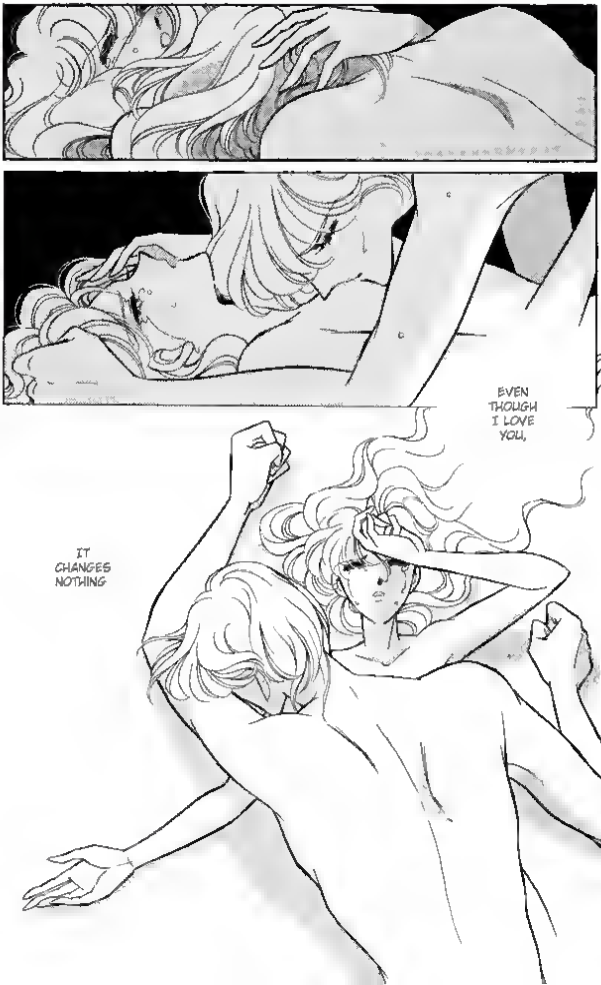

SOKO!!
CLACK
THEN I'LL BE OFF! I'M SO GLAD I MET YOU
GOODBYE

AKIRA!!

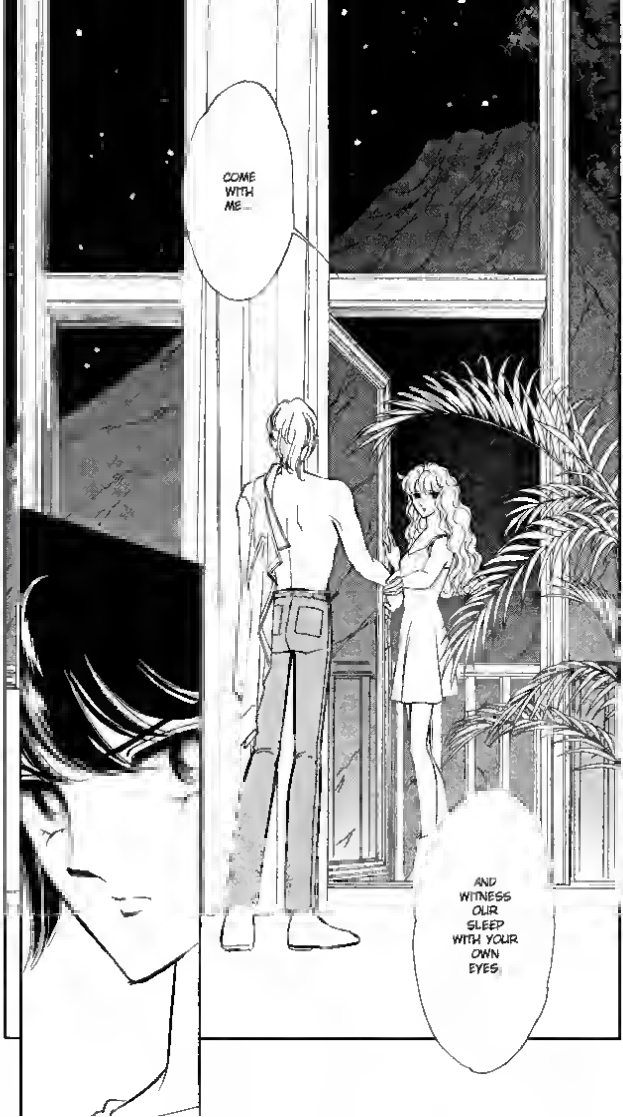
THE TRUTH IS...
THE TRUTH IS I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO MY PEOPLE. I WASN'T TRYING TO WIPE ANYONE OUT OF EXISTENCE.
I DON'T NEED THE SKY OR EARTH OR THE PAST OR THE FUTURE.
I ONLY WANT TO BE WITH YOU!

TAP
AT THIS RATE, I'LL BECOME HIS,
AND BE ABLE TO BE WITH HIM FOREVER
AT THIS RATE, I'LL TRULY EMBRACE HER
AND NEVER AGAIN BE WITHOUT HER

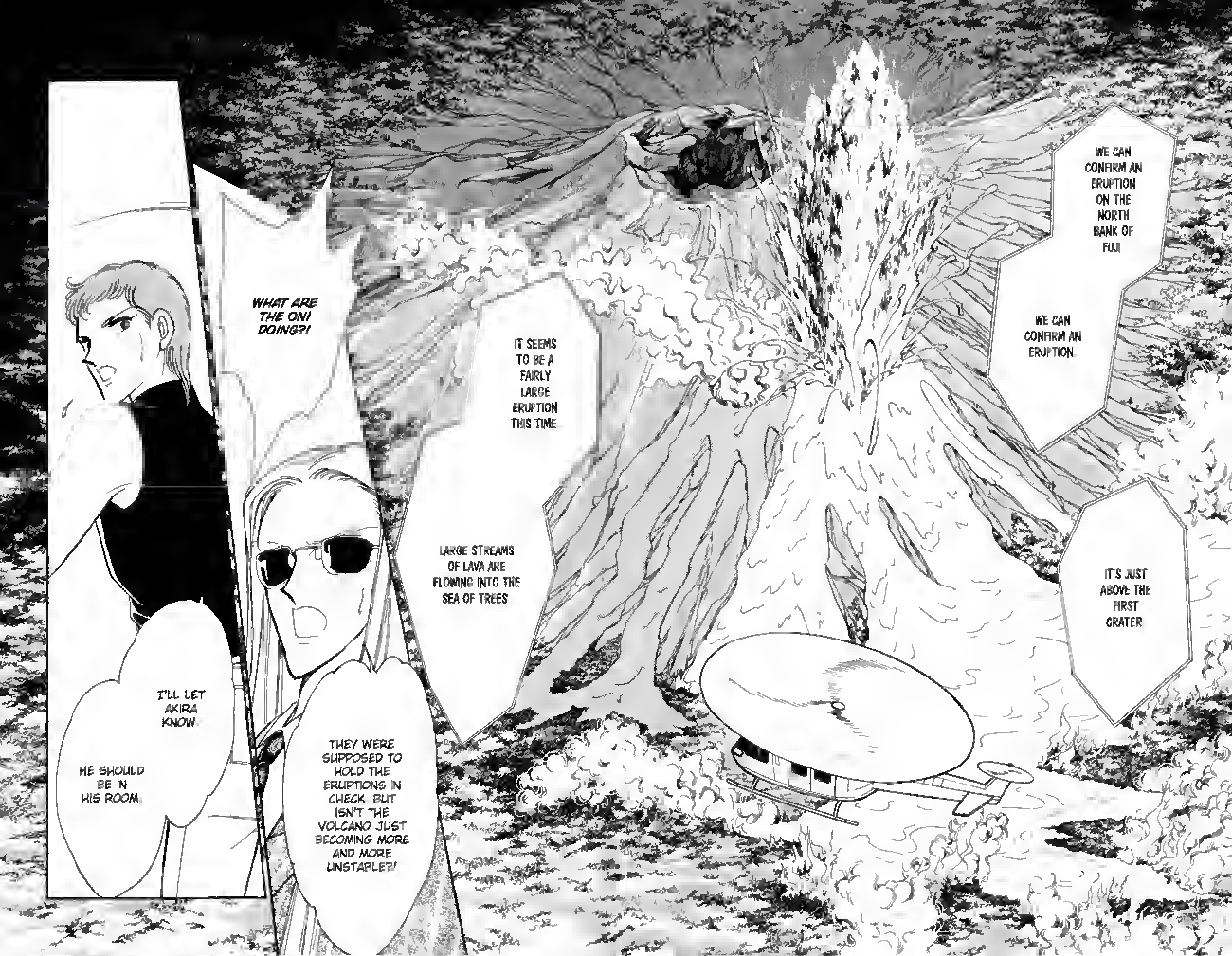
I LOVE YOU.
I LOVE YOU
I LOVE YOU!!


EVEN
THOUGH
I LOVE
YOU,
IT
CHANGES
NOTHING

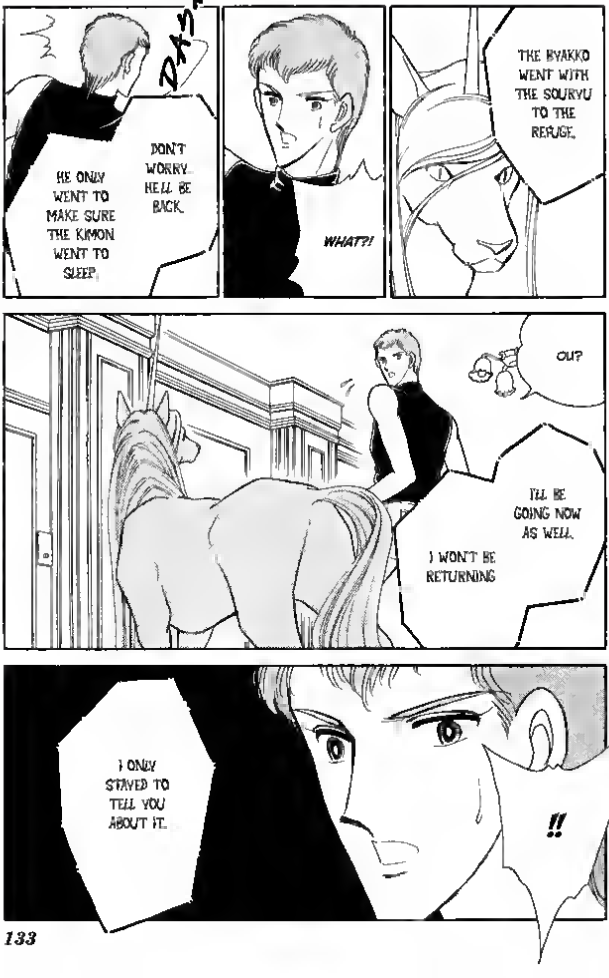
I WISH...
WE HADN'T MET AS THE SOURYU AND THE BYAKKO...
IF WE WEREN'T THE SOURYU AND BYAKKO, WE NEVER WOULD'VE MET.
...I'M OFF.
YEAH.
AKIRA


COME WITH ME...
AND WITNESS OUR SLEEP WITH YOUR OWN EYES.

RUMBLE
ANOTHER ERUPTION?!
MR. KAI! WE'RE GETTING A REPORT FROM THE HELICOPTER HOVERING ABOVE FUJI!!
WE'VE RECEIVED DATA FROM THE TOKYO RESEARCH INSTITUTE THE VOLCANIC ACTIVITY IS INCREASING


WHAT ARE THE ONI DOING?!
IT SEEMS TO BE A FAIRLY LARGE ERUPTION THIS TIME.
LARGE STREAMS OF LAVA ARE FLOWING INTO THE SEA OF TREES.
WE CAN CONFIRM AN ERUPTION ON THE NORTH BANK OF FUJI.
WE CAN CONFIRM AN ERUPTION.
IT'S JUST ABOVE THE FIRST CRATER.
THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO HOLD THE ERUPTIONS IN CHECK. BUT ISN'T THE VOLCANO JUST BECOMING MORE AND MORE UNSTABLE?!
I'LL LET AKIRA KNOW.
HE SHOULD BE IN HIS ROOM.

!!
OUT!


DASH
HE ONLY WENT TO MAKE SURE THE KIMON WENT TO SLEEP.
DON'T WORRY. HE'LL BE BACK.
WHAT?!
THE BYAKKO WENT WITH THE SOURYU TO THE REFUGE.
OU?
I'LL BE GOING NOW AS WELL.
I WON'T BE RETURNING
I ONLY STAYED TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT.
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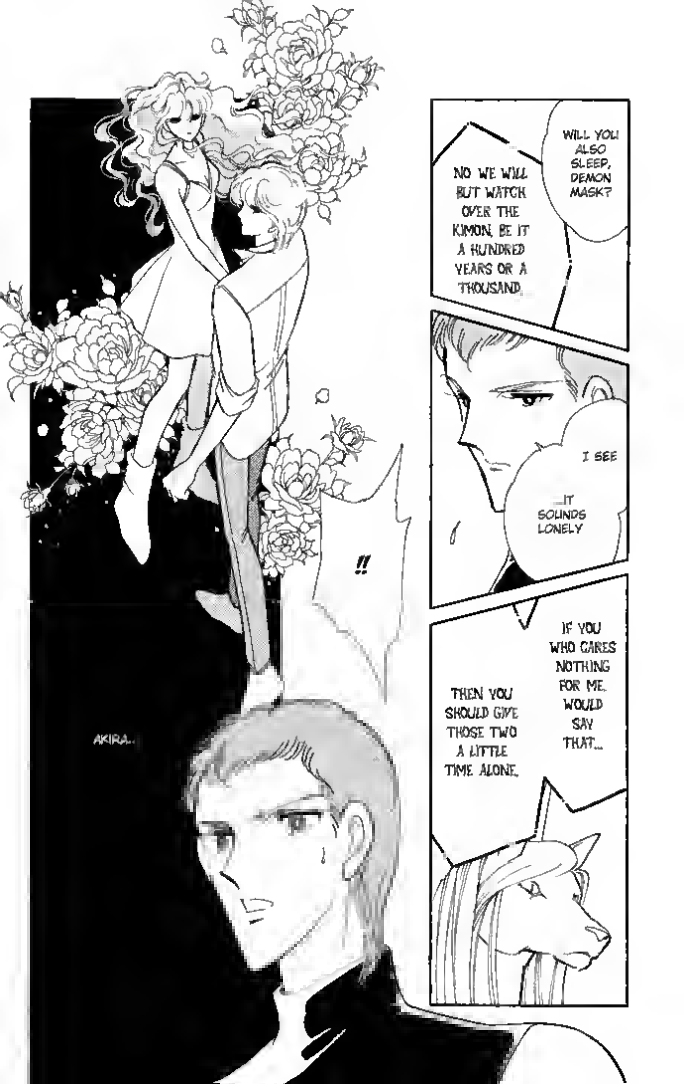
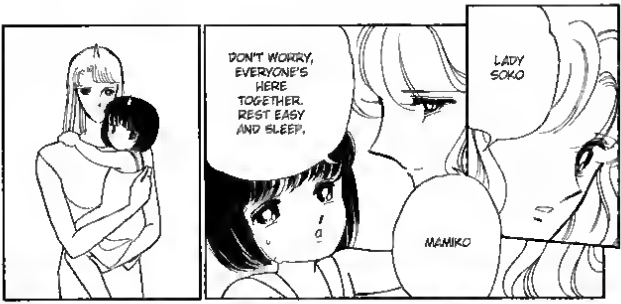

WILL YOU ALSO SLEEP, DEMON MASK?
NO WE WILL BUT WATCH OVER THE KIMON, BE IT A HUNDRED YEARS OR A THOUSAND.
I SEE
...IT SOUNDS LONELY
IF YOU WHO CARES NOTHING FOR ME WOULD SAY THAT...
THEN YOU SHOULD GIVE THOSE TWO A LITTLE TIME ALONE.
!!
AKIRA..

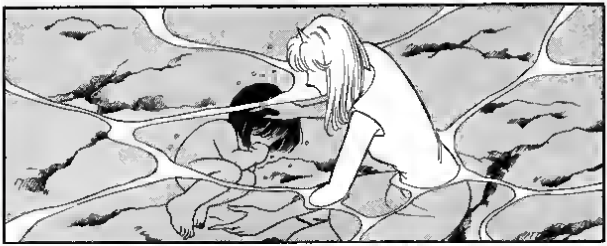
RUMBLE
FUJI'S GROWING MORE VIOLENT
YEAH,
IF WE LEFT IT ALONE, THERE WOULD BE A HUGE ERUPTION TOMORROW MORNING

RUMBLE
BE IT A MINUTE OR A SECOND, HOWEVER LONG I MAY HAVE, I WANT TO BE WITH AKIRA.
THE FIRE MOUNTAIN WON'T EVEN GIVE US THAT
LADY SOKO!
THERE YOU ARE,
EVERYONE HAS GATHERED IN THE SIXTH LAYER
JOIT

IS THAT...
THE BYAKKO?!
DON'T WORRY. HE JUST CAME TO SEE FOR HIMSELF.
EVERYONE IS PREPARED
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE DAWDLING AROUND...
HIKO!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE. LET'S HURRY.

THE FEVER IN THE EARTH IS RISING.
WE WILL SEAL THIS PLACE BEFORE THE ENERGY CAUSES AN ERUPTION
EVERYONE, PLEASE SLEEP QUIETLY UNTIL THE DAY WE WAKE.


DON'T WORRY, EVERYONE'S HERE TOGETHER. REST EASY AND SLEEP.
LADY SOKO
MAMIKO



THEN I'LL SLEEP MYSELF.
ONCE EVERYONE IS SLEEPING, I'LL SEAL US OFF.

RUMBLE

THE THIRTY-THOUSAND KIMON— HAVE GONE TO SLEEP.
MOTHER.
——?

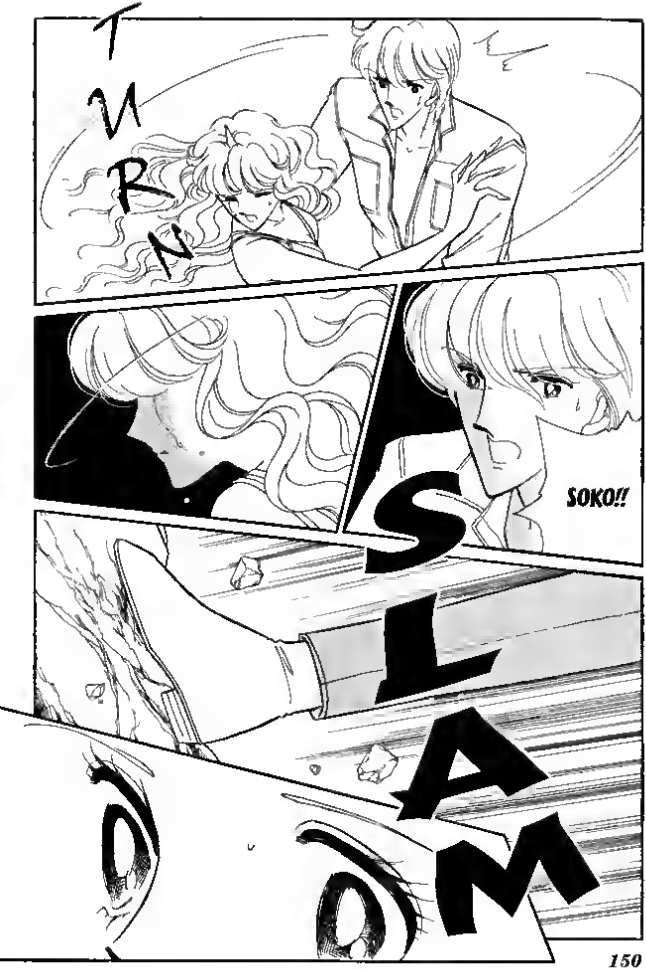
SOKO
WHEN THAT HAPPENS THE VOLCANIC ACTIVITY SHOULD SETTLE
WHEN THE FOURTH AND FIFTH LAYERS ARE BLOCKED OFF, I'LL SEAL THIS PLACE OFF
SO PLEASE, HEAD BACK TO THE THIRD LAYER.
AKIRA,
RETURN TO THE THIRD LAYER.
HIKO,
I'LL ESCORT THE BYAKKO OUT AND RETURN HERE YOU CAN GO TO SLEEP AHEAD OF ME

...OH, RIGHT...
THIS IS WHERE TAKAO...
...A LOT HAS HAPPENED

A LOT HAS HAPPENED, BUT.
NOW THIS IS THE END!!

HIKO IS MY HEIR...
I WON'T HAVE TO MARRY ANYONE...
WHEN
WHEN I DO WAKE UP, NO MATTER WHEN IT IS, I'LL NEVER MARRY ANYONE...
I...

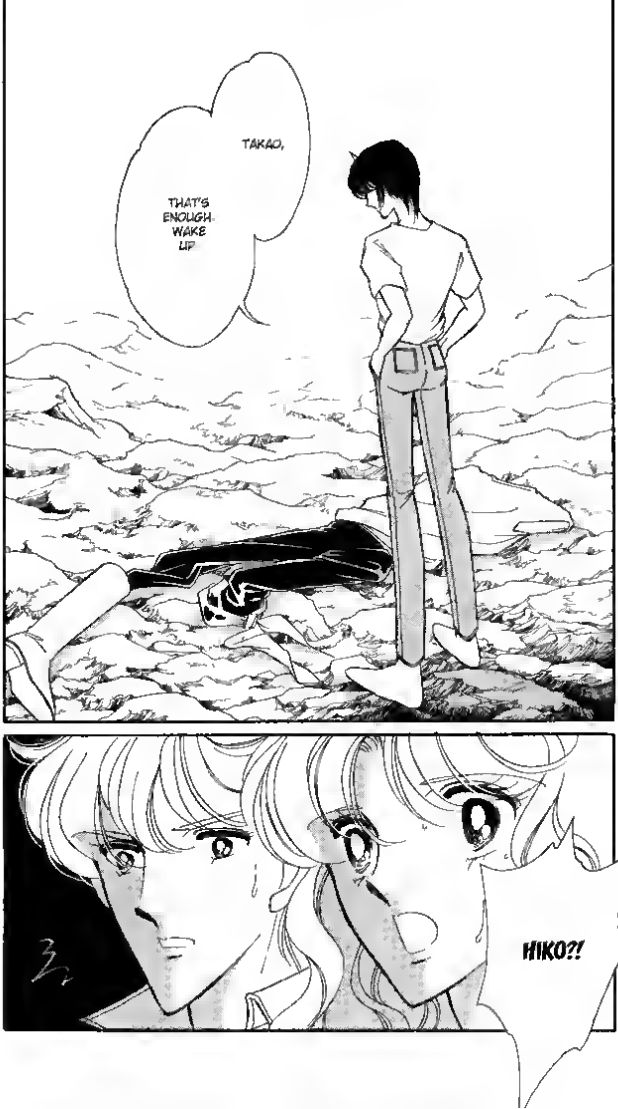
I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU!
THE BEAT OF YOUR HEART, OR THE WARMTH OF YOUR BODY.
YOUR ARMS, THE FEEL OF YOUR CHEEKS,
I WON'T FORGET...


TURN
SOKO!!
SLAM

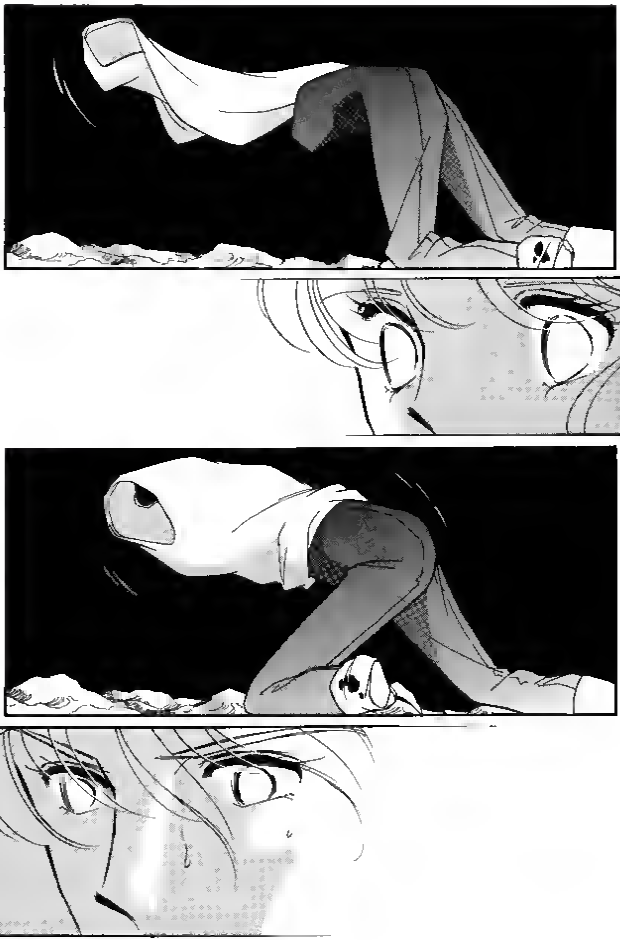
HIKO?!
I DON'T LIKE IT!
HIKO!
I WENT AHEAD AND LET YOU SHOW ME YOUR WAY OF DOING THINGS. BUT NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, I DON'T LIKE IT!

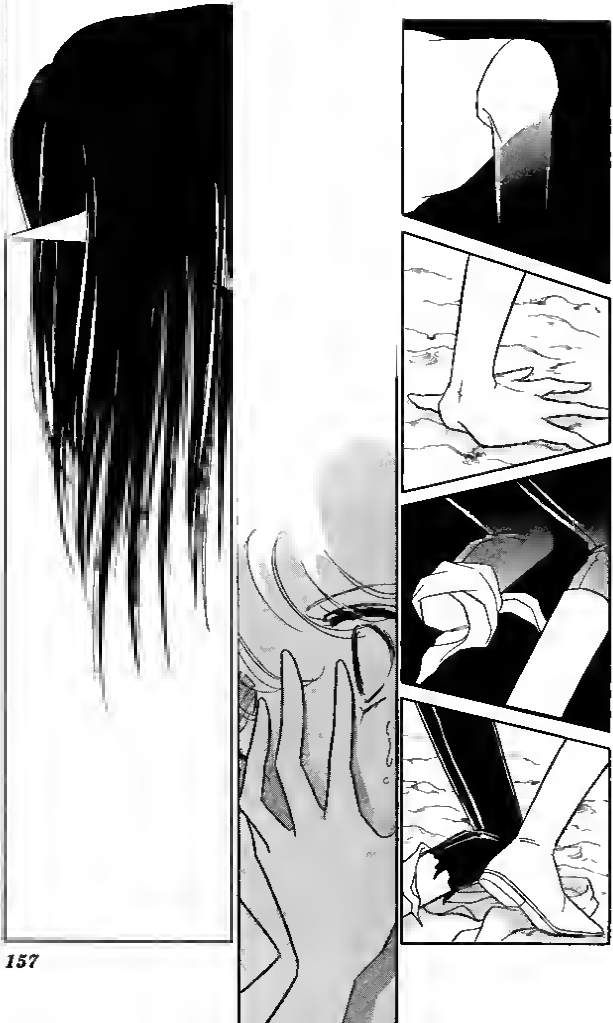
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I DON'T LIKE?
WHAT I LIKE THE LEAST IS THAT THERE ARE TWO SOURYU.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME UNTIL FUJI ERUPTS!
WE CAN TALK AFTER WE WAKE UP, IF YOU HAVE COMPLAINTS...
I'LL JUST HELP YOU OUT .
YOU DON'T LIKE THAT I'M ALSO THE SOURYU?! THEN I'LL DROP THE TITLE.
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO FINE WITHOUT YOUR HELP
I KNOW FULL WELL THAT RIGHT NOW I'M NOT AS POWERFUL AS THE SOURYU SHOULD BE.
BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE THE ONE TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT
THEN WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
SOKO'S GOING WITH YOU BECAUSE SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP YOU, RIGHT?!

STALK
HIKO?!


TAKAO,
THAT'S ENOUGH. WAKE UP
HIKO?!

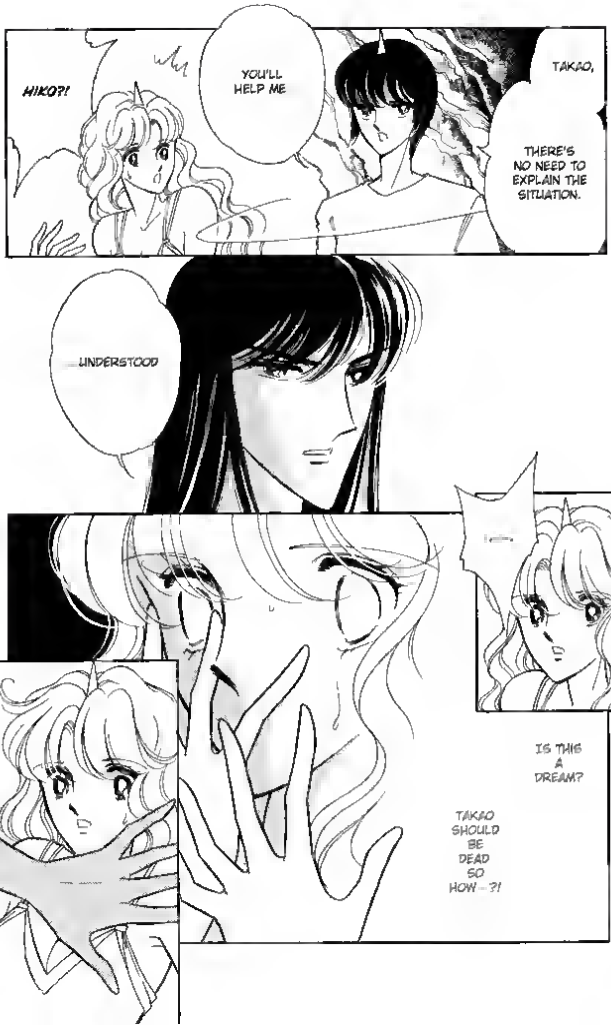
TAKAO
WILL APPOINT ME THE SOURYU GET BACK HERE
TAKAO!!
QUIT JOKING
HIKO, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? TAKAO IS DEAD
WOBBLE
!!





TAKAO...?!

YOU SHOULD... BE DEAD...
TAKAO!
HOW DID YOU...?! JUST WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!


HIKO?!
YOU'LL HELP ME
TAKAO,
THERE'S NO NEED TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.
UNDERSTOOD
IS THIS A DREAM?
TAKAO SHOULD BE DEAD SO HOW--?!

BUT WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING FOR SOKO?!
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE BACK FROM THE DEAD, OR A GHOST, AND I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO!
AKIRA!
BESIDES, IF I KILL HIM AGAIN, FUJI REALLY WILL ERUPT AND THE KIMON WILL BE DESTROYED!
HAVEN'T I ALREADY TOLD YOU? I DON'T RECOGNIZE MY MOTHER AS THE SOURYU!
SO I BANISH HER FROM THE KIMON FOREVER.
HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE

WHETHER THE BYAKKO WILL KILL YOU OR TAKE YOU IN NOW THAT YOUR TIES WITH THE KIMON ARE SEVERED...
ISN'T SOMETHING I WOULD KNOW.
...YOU MEAN...
YOU'RE LETTING ME GO FREE...?
I CAN LIVE MY LIFE WITH AKIRA...?

HIKO!
—THEN—
WE'RE GOING TO SLEEP.
BUT AFTER YOU DIE, AND YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN HAVE ALL PASSED ON, AT SOME DISTANT POINT IN TIME WE WILL ONCE MORE AWAKEN
TAKAO WILL ASSIST ME.
—TAKAO WILL AGREE TO THAT?
IF THE NEW SOURYU WISHES IT, I CAN ONLY OBEY
—WITH AKIRA.—
THEN I CAN REALLY STAY HERE...?

I CAN STAY
WITH AKRIA?!
AKIRA!!

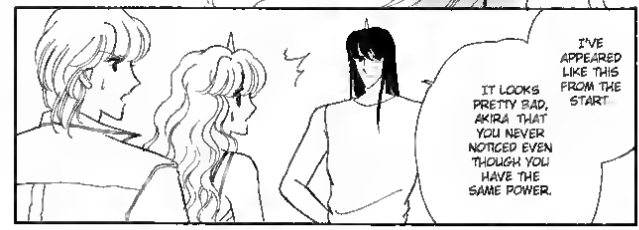
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IMMOLATED BY LAVA, YOU'D BETTER HURRY AND GO
WE WILL SEAL THIS PLACE SOON.
BOOM
AH!
KYAHH

CRASH
CRASH
CRASH
SOKO!
TAKAO!!

I'M OVER HERE
!!
TAKAO!!
TAKAO?!

I'M SURE HE WAS TRAPPED UNDER THAT ROCK...!
HOW CAN THAT BE...?!
TAKAO,
YOU'RE A SHADOW!
OH!
SO YOU FINALLY NOTICED?

A SHADOW...?!
WE'RE SEEING A PROJECTION OF HIS BODY!
THE SAME POWER AS AKIRA?!


I'VE APPEARED LIKE THIS FROM THE START.
IT LOOKS PRETTY BAD, AKIRA THAT YOU NEVER NOTICED EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE THE SAME POWER.

HURRY AND GO!
WAIT, TAKAO!
IF YOU'VE APPEARED LIKE THAT FROM THE START- THEN WHERE'S YOUR REAL BODY?!
NOW, GET GOING! THIS PLACE IS CRUMBLING AFTER THAT LAST EARTHQUAKE

TAKAO, PLEASE TELL US!
MY ACTUAL BODY IS LONG GONE.
EH...?

I LOST MY BODY WHEN THE KIMON WAS DESTROYED LONG AGO
YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT WHEN THE SUZAKU DECAPITATES YOU YOUR HEAD WILL LIVE ON FOREVER.
HIKO SAW MY HEAD AT THE FAMILY OF THE SOUTH'S REFUGE.
THE SUZAKU OF THAT ERA DID ME THE FAVOR OF CUTTING OFF MY HEAD

THE SUZAKU DECAPITATES ONI AS A PUNISHMENT!
WHY WAS IT DONE TO YOU?!
I ASKED FOR IT MYSELF...
WE NEEDED SOMEONE TO PROTECT QUEEN RAGO'S CLONE SO THE KIMON COULD BE REVIVED
HE ENDURED THAT FOR ME !
THEN YOU'VE BEEN ALIVE, ALL ALONE, FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS?!

HE DIDN'T HAVE THE ARMS TO EMBRACE ME —
...TAKAO...
IS THAT WHY YOU NEVER TOLD SOKO YOU LOVE HER?
!!
OF COURSE NOT.
NOR A WARM BODY TO GIVE ME —

YOU AREN'T MY RAGO
RAGO DIED AS THE CAPITAL WAS DESTROYED IN THE DISTANT PAST...

HIS ... RAGO?
RUMBLE
!!
BYE, MOTHER
TAKAO! HIKO!
WE HAVE TO SEAL THIS PLACE RIGHT AWAY!
IT'S GOING TO ERUPT SOON!

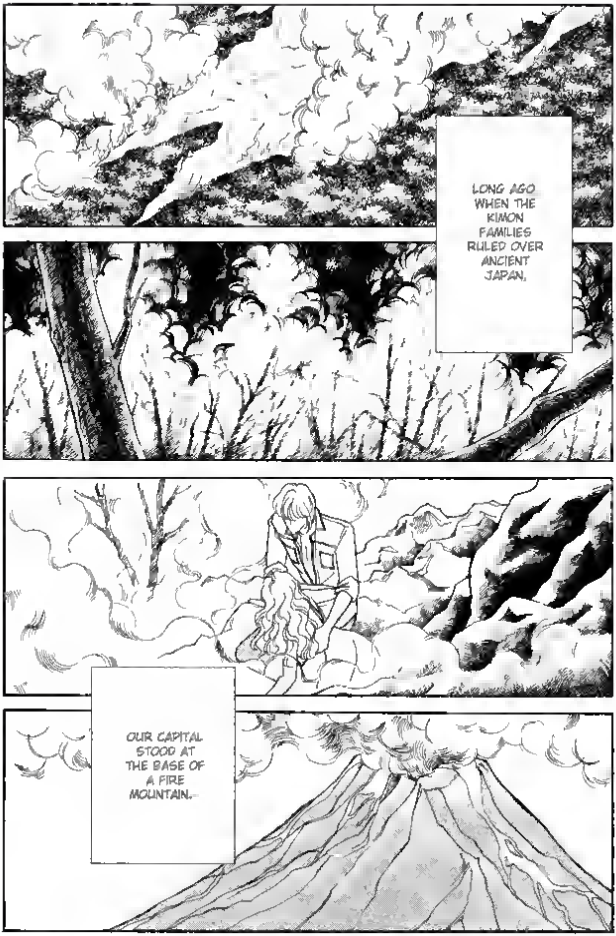
THEY LOOK ALIKE.
!!
IS HE... HER FATHER...?!
...HIS
RAGO

RAGO'S HUSBAND!
TAKAO IS HIKO'S FATHER?!
THE MAN I LOVED IN AGES PAST!

THE CENTRAL CRATER HAS ERUPTED!
TAKAO!!

THE LAVA IS ALSO FLOWING INTO THE SEA OF TREES, AND THERE'LL BE ALMOST NO DAMAGE TO ANY BUILDINGS
HOWEVER, THE LAVA FLOWS ARE SMALLER THAN PREDICTED
THIS IS THE LARGEST ERUPTION SO FAR
YEAH
IT LOOKS LIKE THE KIMON KEPT THEIR PROMISE
RUMBLE
HEY, TAKAO...
WHY DID YOU REVIVE MOM AS A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD?
YOU SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT HER BACK IN HER THIRTIES OR FORTIES, AND THEN SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A GOOD MATCH FOR THE BYAKKO

SIXTEEN...
WAS THE AGE THAT RAGO BECAME MY WIFE.
THEN WHY DID YOU REVIVE ME AT FIFTEEN?
Thanks to that I wound up fighting with her right?
YOU WERE FOUR YEARS OLD WHEN WE WERE PARTED.
EVER SINCE THEN, I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED... WHAT KIND OF GIRL YOU'D GROW INTO...
RUMBLE
WELL THEN, YOU HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO WATCH MY SLEEPING FACE WHILE YOU WONDERED ABOUT IT,
FATHER.


LONG AGO, WHEN THE KIMON FAMILIES RULED OVER ANCIENT JAPAN,
OUR CAPITAL STOOD AT THE BASE OF A FIRE MOUNTAIN.

AND NOW,
WE WILL SLEEP IN THE SAME LAND TO A DISTANT FUTURE

RRRRR
AKIRA?!
IS THAT YOU, AKIRA? WHERE ARE YOU?!
JUST WHAT HAPPENED?!
YOU WON'T BE BACK FOR A BIT?! HOW LONG IS THAT?!
IT'S ALL OVER
I WON'T BE BACK FOR A BIT. TAKE CARE OF THINGS
HELLO?! AKIRA?!
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HEY, AKIRA, WHAT'S GOING ON?!
I DON'T KNOW. A WEEK, A MONTH...

CLACK

THE KIMON WILL SLEEP IN THE SAME LAND
AND THE SOURYU WILL VANISH AS A WOMAN IS BORN
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